

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Rhonda J. Honeycutt and
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For: IDENTIFYING ORGANISMS BY
DETECTING INTRONIC NUCLEIC
ACID OR ENCODED PROTEINS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks and comments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Title:

Please change the title: ~~IDENTIFYING ORGANISMS BY DETECTING
INTRONIC NUCLEIC ACID OR ENCODED PROTEINS~~

to: "A METHOD OF IDENTIFYING TARGET ORGANISMS BY DETERMINING
THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR INTRONIC REGION NUCLEIC ACIDS".

In the Specification:

Marked up versions of all revised paragraphs, showing insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A.

Please delete the paragraph immediately preceding the section entitled: FIELD OF
INVENTION that appears on page 1, lines 4 to 6.